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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 8/1/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In applicant's response filed 2/7/07, applicant elected species A directed to a device having a fourth means that judges the deviation possibility according to frontal distance of the preceding vehicle from own vehicle.

It is noted that applicant's amendment filed 8/1/07 does not contain the elected species A.

Newly submitted claims 29-33 do not appear to read on the elected species. In addition, it appears applicant has switched inventions. The elected embodiment had 1-4 means. Now applicant claims 1-8 means. Applicant is held to elect by original presentation. Applicant must switch back to originally filed elected invention or file a divisional. Applicant cannot switch inventions under RCE rules.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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*Communication*

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronnie Mancho whose telephone number is 571-272-6984. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs: 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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